

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-15 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art teaches an image pickup apparatus with a user interface that displays a multi-dimensional coordinate chart for the user to modify a color range, and a different color range on each coordinate. However, the prior art fails to teach the multi-dimensional coordinate chart for modifying at least one achromatic color determining range displayed on the multi-dimensional coordinate chart.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Higuchi (US 2003/0011686) teaches a digital camera with an adjustment value to adjust a white balance of an image.

Sakaguchi et al. (US 2003/0146984) teaches an imaging device with white balance control.

Ikeda (US 6788339) teaches an image pickup apparatus for accurately performing white balance control by detecting color temperature.

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